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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. Serial No.: 09/646,579 Filing Date: December 27, 2000 Applicant: EBRINGER, Alan Group Art Unit: 1645 Examiner: Swartz, Rodney P.

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Title: DIAGNOSIS OF SPONGIFORM OR DE-MYELINATING DISEASE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, for three months from December 27, 2002, to March 27, 2003. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$465 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,

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